

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-8 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently amended) A credit card management method comprising:

receiving credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;

extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a second storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server, and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

2. (Currently amended) A program which allows a computer to execute the operations of:

receiving credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;

extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a second storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction ~~form~~type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server, and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

3. (Currently amended) A credit card management device, comprising:

a first storing unit which stores transaction types corresponding to store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

a second storing unit which stores credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type;

a unit which receives the credit card identification information and store identification information together with a credit amount;

a unit which extracts the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from the first storing unit;

a unit which extracts credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a second storing unit; and

a unit which makes a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

4. (Currently amended) A computer readable recording medium which stores a program that executes the operations of:

receiving credit card identification information and store identification information as well as a credit amount;

extracting a transaction type corresponding to the store identification information from a first storing unit which stores the transaction type corresponding to the store identification information, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a second storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

5. (Currently amended) A credit card management method comprising:

receiving credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

6. (Currently amended) A program which allows a computer to execute the operations of:

receiving credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the

credit limit corresponding to the transaction ~~form~~type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

7. (Currently amended) A credit card management device comprising:

a unit which receives credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

a unit which extracts credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type; and

a unit which makes a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit limit is set as a new internet credit limit.

8. (Currently amended) A computer readable recording medium which stores a program that executes the operations of:

receiving credit card identification information and a transaction type as well as a credit amount, the transaction type being either one of a service request from a store terminal or a service request from an Internet store server;

extracting credit card identification information and a credit limit corresponding to the transaction type from a storing unit which stores the credit card identification information and the credit limit corresponding to the transaction type; and

making a determination as to whether the credit amount is within the credit limit,

wherein, when the transaction type is the service request from the internet store server and when the credit amount is not more than an internet credit limit, the internet credit limit is updated such that an amount obtained by subtracting the credit amount from the internet credit

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limit is set as a new internet credit limit.